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Attorney Docket No.: ALPSP054D1/
CK US00921

Application No.: 10/656,995

Examiner: MASINICK, MICHAEL D

Filed: September 4, 2004

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Title: PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
METHOD FOR PLASMA PROCESSING
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated in the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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